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DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY.

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HENRY A. KISSINGER

BRENT SCOWCROFT FROM:

DOBRYNIN CALLED TO REPORT ON OUR REQUEST TO CALL OFF MALIK IN HIS EFFORTS TO CONVENE A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD POSTPONE "FOR THE TIME BEING" ITS ATTEMPTS TO CONVENE A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE UNEF MATTERS, SO AS NOT IN ANY WAY TO EMBARRASS YOUR CURRENT EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. DOBRYNIN ADDED THAT HE HOPED WE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE SOVIET POSITION ON THESE UNEF ISSUÉS. HE IMPLIED THEY WOULD RAISE State Dept. review completed THE ISSUES AGAIN AT A LATER DATE.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED A FEW MINUTES AGO TO TALK A BIT ABOUT YOUR LATEST REPORT (HAKTO 67). HE INTERPRETTED IT AS VERY SLIGHTLY ENCOURAGING AND CONCLUDED BY TELLING ME TO LET YOU KNOW HE FULLY SUPPORTED YOUR TOUGH STANCE WITH THE ISRAELIS AND THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT HIS SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED AID TO ISRAEL, AND ALSO IN THE EVENT OF ANY NEW HOSTILITIES, IS FULLY CONDITIONED ON THEIR TAKING A REASON-POSTURE IN YOUR PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT YOU COULD USE THIS WITH THE ISRAELIS IF YOU WISH OR, IF YOU NEED ANOTHER LETTER FROM HIM TO GOLDA, YOU COULD HAVE

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THE DOMESTIC NEWS IS QUITE GRIM. AS I TOLD YOU YESTER+ DAY, THE VICE PRESIDENT MADE SOME UNFORTUNATE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S WEAKNESS. SENATOR SCOTT BLASTED THE TRANSCRIPTS AS "DEPLORABLE" AND "DISGUSTING". THE CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE CAME OUT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION OR IMPEACH-MENT. TODAY RHODES SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RESIGNING BECAUSE OF THE DEVASTING IMPACT OF THE TRANSCRIPTS AND FORD MADE A SPEECH WHICH REPORTEDLY CRITICIZES THE EDITING OF THE TRANSCRIPTS AND THE CRISIS IN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE CREATED BY WATERGATE DEVELOP-MENTS. JERRY SCHECTER REMARKED TO ME THAT THE CURRENT MOOD ON THE HILL IS VERY BAD. NOBILITY AND COURAGE APPEAR TO BE IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY AT THE MOMENT.

THE PRESIDENT JUST CALLED AGAIN. YOU KNOW THE CONDITION. HE REITERATED THAT HE WAS BEHIND YOU AND THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOULD KNOW THAT IF THEY ARE INTRANSIGENT "THEY HAVE HAD IT."

WARM REGARDS.

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